

## 1/2 Pound- Division Open - Black Consumption stamps - 63 x 47 mm. - 1869-1883

[ Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 39, of May 2002 ]

"In September of 1869, the square BOX and CADDY excise stamps were supplemented by twelve new stamps in six denominations for consumption (black) and for warehouse (red). The denomination of these items represented the maximum weight of tobacco to which they could be affixed. Unlike other BABN tobacco stamps in use up to that time, the new denominated stamps were produced from steel plates (intaglio).

The *small* stamp was initially issued in denominations of one-quarter, one-half and one pound. In February of 1880 a one-tenth pound stamp was prepared for use in the Windsor Division. The duty collected by these stamps was to be the full amount represented by their denomination, regardless of the actual weight of tobacco in the package.

In September 1874 the Revenue Department authorized the preparation of the first Division-specific stamps for manufactured tobacco. These stamps bear the printed name of the Revenue Division and signature of its Collector in the spaces previously left blank to be filled in by hand or rubberstamp. The first of these personalized stamps were prepared for use in Montreal and Toronto. It is surmised that similar stamps for other Divisions were subsequently introduced overtime as warranted by numbers used."

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The catalogue lists the black Division Open 1/2 pound consumption stamps as follows:

**RM-22** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove - 4 mm. controls

**RM-22a** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper - 4 mm. controls

**RM-23** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper - 5 mm. controls

**RM-22b** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *block wmkd* medium wove - 4 mm. controls

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**1st BABN Contract** (1868-1873)

John McKay reports that 66,000 copies of "1/2 lb. S. M. R. Black" were delivered. Prior to 1874 these would be Division Open.

**2nd BABN Contract** (1873-1878)

John McKay reports that 70,000 copies of "1/2 lb. Black Tobacco" were delivered. Probably 50,000 as Division Open; 10,000 for Montreal and 10,000 for Toronto. This is his final listing for the stamp.

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### --- The "theoretical" control number range for the black 1/2 pound Division Open stamps ---

**RM-22** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove - **00001** to **10000**

**RM-22a** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper - **10001** to **30000**

**RM-23** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper - **30001** to **66000**

**RM-22b** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *block wmkd* medium wove - **66001** to **116000**

### --- The "actual" control number range for the black 1/2 pound Division "Open", as recorded to date ---

**RM-22** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove - **001401** to **007676**

**RM-22a** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper - **022211** to **029756**

**RM-23** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper - **056404** to **066007**

**RM-22b** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove - **078576** to **103542**

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--- 1/2 Pound - Division Open - Black Consumption stamps - 63 x 47 mm. - 1869 ---

--- printed on *unwmkd* thin wove at Montreal under the 1st BABN Contract - 63 x 47 mm. design ---

--- perforated 12 - with 4 mm. control numbers - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists this black Division Open 1/2 pound consumption stamp as follows:

**RM-22** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove - 4 mm. controls



**RM-22** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove, control number **001464**

<b>001401-02</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove, a block of four
<b>06-07</b>		
<b>001410</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001415</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001419</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001439</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001464</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001476</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001486-91</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001489</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001494</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001500</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>002981</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005214</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005222</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005243</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005288</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005307</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005309★</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005313</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005334★</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005340</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005348</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005363</b>	RM-22	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove

--- 1/2 Pound - Division Open - Black Consumption stamps - 63 x 47 mm. - 1871 ---

--- on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper at Montreal under the 1st BABN Contract - 63 x 47 mm. design ---

--- perforated 12 - with 4 mm. control numbers - scanned at 100% scale ---

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The catalogue lists this black Division Open 1/2 pound consumption stamp as follows:

**RM-22a** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper - with 4 mm. controls

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★ **RM-22a** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper,  
control number **029756** - stamped for use at **Ottawa**

<b>022211</b> ★	RM-22a	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>029756</b> ★	RM-22a	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid, stamped for use at <b>Ottawa</b>
<b>029761</b> ★	RM-22a	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid, stamped for use at <b>Ottawa</b>

These copies of **RM-22A** (on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper) were apparently printed at the Montreal plant - which used the 4 mm. control numbering.

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--- 1/2 Pound - Division Open - Black Consumption stamps - 63 x 47 mm. - 1872 ---

--- on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper at Ottawa under the 1st BABN Contract - 63 x 47 mm. design ---

--- perforated 12 - with 5 mm. control numbers - scanned at 100% scale ---

These copies of **RM-23** (on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper) were apparently printed at Montreal, but were sent to Ottawa where they were numbered with 5 mm. controls prior to BABN's 1874 move to Montreal.

The catalogue lists the black Division Open 1/2 pound consumption stamps as follows:

**RM-23** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper - 5 mm. controls



★ **RM-23** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *diag. wmkd* vertically laid paper, control number **056404**, stamped **Quebec** by Licensee # 1, dated 7 - 80 for October 1880, initialled *G.L.* for "G. La Rue", apparently 'delivered' under the 1st BABN Contract, but not used until late in 1880

<b>056404</b> ★	10/80	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid, stamped <b>Quebec</b> , dated 7/80
<b>059039</b> ★		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>059065</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>059134</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>059172</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>060801-06</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>060814</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>060817</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>060889</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>060895</b> ★		RM-23 CP	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid, stamped <b>CANCELLED</b> in 3 mm. Gothic
<b>060970</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>060977</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>060978</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>060982-83/86-87</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid - four
<b>060996</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>061016</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>061020</b> ★		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>061100</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>061276-00</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid,
<b>062745</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>062750</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>062751-75</b> ★		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid, A sheet of twenty-four stamps
<b>062805</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>062807</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>062897</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>062899</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>062947</b>		RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid

<b>062958</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063021</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063038</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063059</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063080</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063089</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063105</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063125</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063137</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063140-45</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063142</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063210</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063253</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063254-55</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063260</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063276★</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063302</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>063320</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>065976</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid
<b>066007</b>	RM-23	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, diagonally wmkd vertically laid

The Ottawa facility was closed in 1874, when BABN transferred operations to Montreal, until their return in 1887 as a condition of the 4th BABN Contract of October 1886.

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--- 1/2 Pound - Division Open - Black Consumption stamps - 63 x 47 mm. - 1874 ---

--- on *block wmkd* medium wove at Montreal under the 2nd BABN Contract - 63 x 47 mm. design ---

--- perforated 12 - with 4 mm. control numbers - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists this black Division Open 1/2 pound consumption stamp as follows:

**RM-22b** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *block wmkd* medium wove - 4 mm. controls

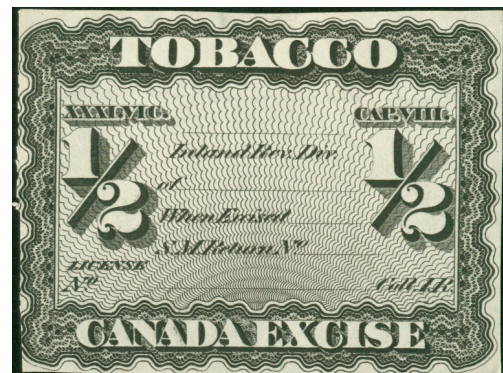
These *block wmkd* stamps were probably printed in 1883-84 at Montreal under the **2nd BABN Contract** (1874-1886) and as the sheets were *not required* by the manufacturers, they were not used. Chris Ryan reports in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No.41, of March 2003 that all CADDY and BOX stamps were discontinued as of July 1st 1883.



**RM-22b** - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *block wmkd* medium wove, control number **079797**

<b>078576</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078589</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078594</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078610</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078612</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078621</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078632</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
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<b>078637</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078638</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078751-56</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078761★</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078766★</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078851</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078861★</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078930</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078935</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078938★</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078939</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078955</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078960</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078965</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078968</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>078970</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>079005</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>079010</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>079015</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>079020</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>079023</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>079027</b>	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove

079035	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079040	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079043	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079176	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
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079203	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079213	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079231	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079276	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079279	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079282	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079310	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079320	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079335	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079477	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079494★	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079498	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079790	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079797	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
079862★	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
103528	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
103534	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
103536	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
103542	RM-22b	1/2 pound, black, Division Open, block wmkd horizontal mesh wove



★ RM-22bn - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, *without* control numbers

★ RM-22bn - 1/2 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12 (clipped), on *block wmkd* thick wove, *without* control numbers



--- The upper left side of RM-22bn - scanned at 400% scale ---

The collection contains many of these clipped imperforate “TP” stamps (from the Morris collection) which under magnification shows signs of original perforation. I sincerely doubt that any philatelist would have mutilated the stamps in this manner. At the time it was illegal to possess tax-paid stamps in mint condition, and even used examples were by law to be broken on opening the package. I feel that BABN, as a favour to a philatelist, clipped the perforations prior to releasing these *control-free* stamps.

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